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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 7965.0004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
B. Goddard et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3627  
Application No.: 10/037,219 ) Examiner: G. Collins  
Filed: November 9, 2001 )  
For: PIPE HAVING WATER-TIGHT IN- )  
LINE BELL )  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of October 2, 2002. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$930.00 for the Extension should be charged to our deposit account no. 06-0916.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	28	-	29	0	x \$ 18	\$ 0
Indep.	6	-	6	0	x \$ 84	0
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				Subtotal	\$	0
				Reduction by ½ if small entity	-	0
				TOTAL	\$	0

A fee of \$40 to cover the cost of Assignment recordation should be charged to our deposit account no. 06-0916.

A fee of \$180 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement filed under 1.97(c) should be charged to our deposit account no. 06-0916.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: April 2, 2003

By:

Jill E. DeMello  
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James B. GODDARD, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3679  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the original Abstract with the Abstract attached hereto.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend claims 1, 6, 8, 12, and 16 as follows:

1. An indeterminate length of pipe comprised of at least two corrugated sections of pipe joined by a coupler component, said coupler component having a male portion and a female portion to connect two of the corrugated sections, each corrugated section having a plurality of first corrugations, each of said first corrugations having a

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